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SUBJECT: BISENGIMANA VISIT TO US

REF: STATE 89268

1. SOURCES HERE CONFIRM THAT BISENGIMANA LEFT EARLIER THIS MONTH FOR EUROPE AND WAS EXPECTED TO PROCEED TO WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK O/A APRIL 13. WE UNDERSTAND THAT, BESIDES MEETING WITH CRANE GROUP, BISENGIMANA INTERESTED IN SEEING EXXON REPS AND "US COMPANIES IN AGRICULTURE FIELD."

2. BISENGIMANA CLAIMS TO BE ENTIRELY OUT OF GOVERNMENT AND OUR MOST RECENT CONTACTS WITH HIM HAVE INDICATED HE IN FACT PREOCCUPIED WITH PRIVATE BUSINESS AFFAIRS IN HIS CAPACITY AS CONSULTANT. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT LAST FALL BISENGIMANA WAS FOR AWHILE ACTIVE IN PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS WITH BELGIANS CONCERNING DEVELOPMENT OF THE MOBUTU PLAN, BUT THAT HE REPORTEDLY DECLINED TO ASSUME ANY OFFICIAL ROLE. AT THAT TIME BISENGIMANA WAS BELIEVED TO BE IN DISCREET BUT FAIRLY CLOSE TOUCH WITH PRESIDENT MOBUTU ON RANGE OF MATTERS BOTH PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN LESS CLEAR AS TO WHAT IF ANY ROLE HE HAS BEEN PLAYING AS ADVISOR TO MOBUTU, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE HE STILL HANDLES SOME OF MOBUTU'S PRIVATE BUSINESS MATTERS AND IS USED OCCASIONALLY FOR SPECIAL MISSIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT OF AT LEAST SEMI-OFFICIAL NATURE. IN LATTER CONTEXT, WE WOULD
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NOT BE SURPRISED IF PRESIDENT HAS TASKED BISENGIMANA TO TAKE PERSONAL SOUNDINGS IN WASHINGTON WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL ATTITUDES TOWARD ZAIRE AS WELL AS ON SPECIFIC SUBJECTS.

3. DESPITE APPARENT PRIVATE NATURE OF BISENGIMANA'S CURRENT VISIT TO US, IN LIGHT OF ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR DEPT. TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN CONTACTING HIM, PERHAPS

WITHIN CONTEXT OF OFFERING TO DISCUSS US-ZAIRIAN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS
AND SEEKING HIS VIEWS ON ROLE OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN ZAIRE'S
ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND MOBUT PLAN. BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE
USEFUL IN ANY SUCH DISCUSSIONS TO STRESS IMPORTANCE OF EXPEDI-
TIOUSLY IMPLEMENTING ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL REFORMS, ESPECIALLY
NEW STABILIZATION PROGRAM.
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